

# 4th Dog Dies of Rabies

A Boston bulldog, the fourth dog within four weeks, died Friday of rabies, Dr. Ben Kogan, district health officer of the Los Angeles County Health Department revealed this week.

The 7-year-old black and white dog was owned by Wayne Dow of 4201 West 165th street, Lawndale.

Cause of contact could not be determined. The dog lived within the same general area as the previous three North Torrance dogs which died of rabies.

The dog was observed to be ill May 2 and refused to eat or drink as of that date. It began to cough May 3 and was taken to the hospital the following day. Impounded at the Yukon animal shelter May 5, it died the following day.

No human or animal contacts have been reported so far. The dog displayed typical symptoms of dumb rabies: dilated eyes; drooping jaw; weak rear legs and loss of appetite, Dr. Kogan stated.

At present 18 Torrance residents are undergoing Pasteur treatment as a result of actual or suspected contacts with three previous dogs which died of rabies.

# Residents Request Rabies Law

A request made by two local residents for a compulsory rabies vaccination law for dogs was "filed" by the City Council Tuesday night.

A letter requesting such a law was submitted to the Council by W. Neil and Frances Kanawyer of 4323 West 176th street.

The Kanawyer request, made in the light of the recent outbreak of rabies in the city of Torrance, read as follows in part:

"We don't believe it's true that the City Council ignores the rabies issue as far as compulsory vaccination law against rabies for dogs is concerned," the letter stated.

"We're sure the fault is ours, the average citizen, who has failed to do our duty by writing to express our feelings, while the minority against such action is very vocal."

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Instead the Council approved stricter measures directed (Turn to Page 19)

# Lewd Phone Calls Halted

A series of lewd phone calls which have plagued the Torrance and South Bay area for the past three months came to an end this week with the apprehension of four juveniles.

One of the juveniles, who then implicated the others, was caught by Det. Capt. Ernie Ashford when the boy arranged for a "date" with a North Torrance woman.

The four youths, all from the Compton area, admitted the phone calls.

# YOUNG MOTHER OF 5 JAILED FOR CHILD NEGLECT

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PURCHASE . . . Don Wilson (center) and Milton Kauffman (right) are shown presenting to Jaime del Amo, representing his family estate, a check for approximately one million dollars as first payment for purchase of large Del Amo property at Hawthorne and Sepulveda in Torrance. Kauffman and Wilson stated that they are building Southwood Homes, approximately 1,900 houses, on the property. It is said to be the first sale of this land since it was granted to Juan Dominguez, del Amo ancestor, by the King of Spain in 1784.

# Oilmen Buck New Ordinance

While Torrance oilmen affirmed the importance of proper safety precautions in the Torrance oil field, they appeared unwilling to accept some of the more drastic proposals contained in a proposed new ordinance pertaining to oil wells, oil sumps, and wooden derricks.

This was the gist of a two-hour meeting held Monday night before the Planning Commission to discuss a stricter oil field ordinance called for by the Torrance City Council.

More than 75 individuals attended, most of them oilmen or their representatives.

Nothing Concrete The lack of any concrete proposals by the oilmen prompted George Powell, secretary, to the Planning Commission to make the following recommendation.

"Between the time of this meeting and action taken by the City Council, a committee of oilmen might be formed to set up a self-policing group."

"I believe in such a committee," Chairman Beverly Smith of the Planning Commission told the oilmen. "It could come up with some recommendations. You've got to get off the dime and form such a committee and not just talk about it."

The following four aspects of the ordinance were discussed: 1) safety protection and moving parts; 2) open unlined sumps; 3) no new derricks; and 4) removal of wooden derricks.

Provisions of the proposed ordinance and some of the major objections, which were brought out were as follows:

1. Requiring an eight foot chain-linked fence around derricks and the fencing, shielding and guarding of all moving parts.

Various spokesmen for the oilmen indicated that they were thoroughly in favor of shielding and guarding the moving parts.

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Editorial

# LET'S VOTE ON THE RABIES ISSUE

Torrance now has been faced with a serious rabies outbreak for four weeks.

There has been no indication so far that the City Council intends to adopt a compulsory rabies vaccination law for dogs.

We would like to make an alternate proposal. Let the issue of compulsory vaccination be placed on the ballot next year at the time of our municipal election in spring.

That way the people can vote directly on the issue and the City Council will know with certainty what the people want.

It is necessary, however, for Torrance residents, civic groups, and other organizations to write the City Council requesting that the matter be placed on the ballot.

The City Council will not act on this issue unless it feels that Torrance residents are concerned over it.

That is probably the reason why there has been no action calling for a compulsory vaccination law for dogs. Torrance residents have not made their wishes heard.

The same will happen with the suggestion to place the issue on the ballot if you do not let the City Council know. So write today. Address your letters to: Torrance City Council, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Editorial

# WE HAVE FAILED

Torrance residents, who for years have been clamoring to get something done about oil field hazards, proved a great disappointment when they failed to endorse and testify on behalf of a law covering oil sumps, oil wells, and derricks Monday night.

Approximately three individuals appeared to speak in favor of the ordinance. But about 75 oilmen and others were there to oppose the stricter measures.

Now that the city is finally trying to do something about the oil field hazards, we, the people, failed in backing up the proposed law.

Individuals whose children have been hurt and endangered by the oil field hazards should have shown up in force; so should P-T-A's and civic organizations.

They should have gone on record orally or in writing. What the City Council will do now when the ordinance is finally voted upon is anybody's guess. Chances are that they will adopt a "watered down" version if opposition to the law is greater and louder than support of it.

It is already later than you think—but it is not too late. Individuals and groups can still go on record in support of the law before the matter comes to a vote. Why must we lose a child before action is taken?

We urge that everyone wishing to see it passed make their wishes known immediately to the City Council. Letters should be addressed to: City Council, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Individuals and groups should also plan to appear at the Council at the time of the hearing on the proposed law. That date will be announced soon.

If this law fails because of lack of support, the future death of a child in the Torrance oil fields rests squarely on the shoulders of every individual who now ignores this issue.

# 25 Police Officers Attend EC College

"The Torrance Police Department is one of the most progressive departments in the South Bay area, with 25 of its 49 officers attending El Camino college," Sgt. John Hampton, instructor at El Camino and one of the most outstanding juvenile officers of the Los Angeles Police Department, stated this week.

The El Camino police science program is closely integrated with the needs of the surrounding police departments.

"The smaller police departments don't have individual training facilities," Torrance Police Chief Willard Haslam explained. "El Camino helps satisfy those needs and helps the individual cities cut down greatly on costs."

More than 20 different police subjects are taught in the two-year course, Sgt. Hampton stated.

This qualifies the students for an associate of arts degree. Many go on for their bachelor's degrees and even higher.

Torrance police officers go to school on their own time. Each officer must first be approved by the chief, Hampton said.

An accelerated summer course, six weeks in length, is being planned now for this summer.

Pointing out the practical, professional nature of the

# GO-AHEAD ON SHOTS PENDING

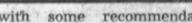
"Plans to continue the Salk polio vaccinations in the South Bay and Torrance area have been cancelled indefinitely.

So stated Dr. Benjamin Kogan, district health officer of the Torrance district health office.

"Shots will be resumed after the United States Public Health Service gives the word to go ahead again," Dr. Kogan said.

The national organization is making further tests of the vaccine being used throughout the United States.

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# Torrance No. 8 In L. A. County

Torrance is the eighth largest city population-wise within Los Angeles County, according to figures released last week by the County Regional Planning Commission.

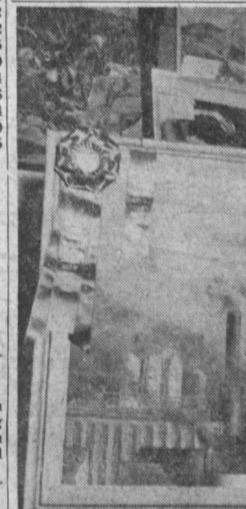
Growth estimates place the Torrance population at 61,390, with more than 4000 residents moving to Torrance since the first of the year.

The following figures (rounded off) tell the staggering story of Torrance's growth within the last 15 years:

Year	Population
1940	9,950
1950 (federal census)	22,240
1952 (special census)	31,000
1953 (special census)	44,000
A third special census is planned for this summer, according to City Manager George Stevens.	
The leading cities of the county were credited with the following population figures by the county planners:	
Los Angeles	2,178,431
Long Beach	288,494
Pasadena	116,706
Glendale	114,753
Burbank	92,697
Santa Monica	77,507
Compton	63,726
<b>TORRANCE</b>	<b>61,390</b>
Alhambra	54,890
Inglewood	54,357
South Gate	52,722
Lakewood	52,574
Pomona	49,203
Redondo Beach	38,108
Arcadia	35,038
Whittier	31,965
Beverly Hills	30,829
Huntington Park	30,817
Manhattan Beach	28,872
Monterey Park	28,150

# LATE NEWS

CAUGHT: A third suspect involved in the armed robbery last week of a Waleria liquor store was arrested last Thursday. He is Joseph Marsh, 26, of Gardena. He, as well as Arco Gene Ellison, 24, of Compton, and Otto Friedl, 23, of Whittier, will go to trial in (Turn to Page 13)



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MRS. ROBINSON . . . leaving court room.

# Husband in Jail for Illicit Relations With 16-Yr. Old Baby Sitter

A 21-year-old Harbor City mother, whose five children lived in indescribable filth and squalor, was arrested Monday afternoon for child neglect by San Pedro police.

Mrs. Beverly Robinson of 25652 Marigold ave. pleaded innocent to the charge in San Pedro Municipal Court Tuesday. Jailed in lieu of \$500 bail, she will come up for trial Monday, May 16, at 2 p.m.

Husband Arrested Only four weeks ago Monday, Mrs. Robinson's husband, Herbert, 26, was arrested on suspicion of having had numerous illicit relations with a 16-year-old Lomita girl who worked three months as the family's baby sitter and housekeeper, living with the Robinsons.

Robinson, who pleaded innocent, will come up for trial May 27 in Long Beach Superior Court for statutory rape.

Officers found a 7-month-old baby, Jimmy, in a crib with a plastic mattress and no sheets. The baby's arms, legs, and back were covered with a rash caused by improper care. The child had to be taken to Harbor General Hospital.

Filth Scraps of food, dirt, papers, and waste products covered the floors of the different rooms. A nauseating stench filled the whole house and was almost unbearable where the children were kept, officers reported.

Hysterical The young woman was at first hysterical and belligerent, screaming at officers and refusing to tell them the names or ages of her children.

"I know it isn't good for my children to be in a mess like this," the haggard, hazel-eyed young mother told officers, after quieting down. "It has been like this since Sunday. My nerves are shot and I just can't manage by myself."

Except for 7-month-old Jimmy (Turn to Page 19)



MASONIC TEMPLE . . . Groundbreaking ceremonies Saturday inaugurated the construction of a Masonic temple at Plaza del Amo and Cabrillo. Dignitaries attending included (l-r) Police Chief Willard Haslam, Councilman Nick

Drale, Mayor Albert Isen, Jack Long of the Temple association, Councilman Mervin Schwab, Mark Wright, president of the Temple association, and Frank Schmidt, master of the Torrance lodge. All are Masons.

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SWEEPSTAKE WINNER in the art division of the annual Hobby, Flower, and Art show last week-end was Mrs. Eric (Joyce) Swanson of 20930 Dalton ave., Torrance. The painting is entitled "The Heartbeat of Torrance." Other winners on Page 15.

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